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*Best Wishes for the Holiday Season
and a Very Happy New Year*

from the
PRESIDENT'S DESK

As we are now about to enter into a new year it is time to put plans into operation to make 1973 an even bigger and better year than 1972. There has been much time and effort put forth on the part of the officers and committee members and the results are plain to see. TEC has come a long way in the past year. I feel that we are only beginning and there are many things that can stand improvement. We have got a good thing going so lets all pitch in and keep this progress moving.

As I have said before, our greatest accomplishment has been the TEC NEWS and of course we are all greatful to Sally and Al for this. However it should be remembered that they can not write our paper. They can only edit it.

With out the articles from the members we couldn't have much of a publication. My sincere thanks to all of you that sent in articles during 1972 and I urge you to do the same for 1973.

I would also like to call your attention to the fact that 1973 is an election year and elsewhere in this TEC NEWS, you will find a call for nominations. I hope every member that makes a nomination will give it a lot of serious thought before making a nomination. Too often officers and board members are nominated and elected simply because of popularity. Being popular doesn't get the job done and some "lazy" officers can soon tear down all that has been built. Lets nominate and elect the workers.

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I would also like to announce that I will engrave a "TEC NEWS, 1973" coin for articles published, in the near future. They will be distributed in the same manner as the 1972 coin. This has been a boost to get articles for TEC NEWS, so get your articles to Sally. It is the only way to get the coin.

The Holiday Season is upon us again, so to all TEC officers and members, a thank you for all the help in 1972 and a welcome to your future assistance in 73 and may you and yours, enjoy the Best Holidays ever and may you have a most prosperous and happy Elongated 1973.

Sincerely,

Lloyd E. Wagaman, President

The Editor Speaks

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

I'd like to thank those members that wrote me nice articles lately and of the kind words said, about TEC NEWS. Al and I are trying hard and working long hours on the TEC NEWS. Sometimes we have to work until two or three A.M. to get the TEC NEWS pages to the printer on time. That's why I'd like the articles in as soon as possible, so I don't have so much overtime work to do the last couple weeks before the deadline. Remember folks, I do not get paid for this job and I must have some time for myself and family too.

I still have lots of work after the TEC NEWS is printed. After I bring the pages home from the printers we have to collate all the the pages together. Then Al and I go through the the pages again, to make sure we have all the pages in and that they are in the proper numbered sequence. Then I get the pages neatly together, while Al staples them and then he crimps the staples with pliers so they will lay flat and not have any sharp edges. Next we have to address all envelopes by hand and check them with our file, to make sure everyone gets a TEC NEWS. Then we have to rubber stamp each envelope three times before sticking postage stamps on them and sealing the envelopes. Finally we have to sort and tie them up in bundles by States before we can bring them to the postoffice.

On the envelope we stamp an "ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED" sign. When a member does not let us know they have moved or had changed their address, we have to pay 10¢ for the card or a portion of the TEC envelope with the new address, if the postoffice has it. Then we have to mail out another copy of TEC NEWS. This then costs the club 75¢ for doing all this, all because you didn't let us know of your change of address. So send in your correct address at once and save us time and the club some money. We don't always have extra copies left over to send out again. These same people almost demand another copy, knowing why they didn't receive the TEC NEWS, in the first place. We try to please, but there are times when even we are sick, (Editors do get sick too) and can't just run and do things. So folks help me by sending in your correct address when you move. Also remember to send in your articles in early.

To get back to the letters. The letters were all very nice and we deeply appreciate the kind words received from you. I will keep all these letters for my TEC Editors scrap book. After all these nice letters, I know all the hard work was worth it. So thank you kind friends and God Bless You one and all. Remember an Editors work is never done.

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Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

ads - February 10th

Articles - February 14th

NOTICE!

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ARE ALL TEC MEMBERS ELONGATED COLLECTORS? Alberta Wagaman TEC #165 Camby, Indiana



Yes and no, I am a collector, specializing in Elongated Friends. A rare old elongated means nothing to me, but each coin in my collection has a special personal meaning, associated with a special person, or good times enjoyed with elongated collectors. I can look around my home and see all kinds of objects (not necessarily coins) that are all a great part of my collection, a picture on the wall, medals jewelry, books, a place mat with an owl on it, on the tea cart, of course from a TEC friend, a wooden bowl and knife, hand carved from Poland, a Christmas tree, the first decoration out each year, and oh, so many things each a part of my Elongated Friend collection, each with a special meaning all its own.

Oh yes, I do have a box containing my elongated coin collection and it is a very unusual one indeed, nothing old but all present day pieces, with a special meaning to me and when I say special I do mean special. Not one is for sale or trade at any price.

The most treasured collection is the Elongated Friends. The people we have met through the elongated hobby, has really been one of life's greatest pleasures. Some we have never met personally but the friendship grows through a letter or a card that seems to have been meant just for me. Each year at the conventions we meet a few more personally.

We have had the pleasure of having many of our TEC members visit us in our home and some have become so much a part of our family, that it would be very disappointing not to at least have a yearly visit. Some of the most enjoyable evenings we have spent are, when some TEC member has been in Indianapolis, usually on business and spends an evening at the Wagaman home, of course the interest is elongateds all the way.

You sometimes see pictures and a nice story in some of the publications, of our TEC members and it gives me a warm feeling of pride, just to think this is one of our TEC members and one of my many Elongated Friends. How proud I am to be a member of TEC and specialize in collecting Elongated Friends.

A SERIOUS COLLECTOR

by Art Nast TEC #35
Harrisburg, Penn.

During the past twenty years, I have been an avid collector of United States coins, attending coin shows and auctions to buy or trade the coins I needed for my collection. Trading and collecting was a real pleasure and a very interesting hobby, until the United States Mint changed to clad coins to preserve their silver store. With the speculator's hoarding of silver coins, the opportunity to "find" a needed coin became less and less. To satisfy our desire for collecting coins to the extent of showing continued progress, we have turned to collecting elongated coins. Although this has become our primary hobby interest, we found ourselves collecting for quantity rather than a specific category and quality.

As a relatively new serious collector of elongated coins, we believe that to thoroughly enjoy the hobby, it is necessary to decide "what" you want to specialize in. Store Cards, States, Anniversaries, World Fairs and Religious are just a few to tempt the

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serious collector. Displaying our "finds" has also presented a challenge, because it is limited only by our own imagination.

With these challenges and beliefs, the interest in coin shows and auctions have taken on a whole new look. Now it's elongateds!

EXCITING CITY OF PROVIDENCE, R.I.

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

In October, Al and I took a trip to the NENA convention, which was held at the Biltmore Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island. It was an exciting week end for us.

The day we arrived and got our room, I noticed a lot of commotion on our floor. Everytime we went to our room someone poked their head out of their room. It sort of gave us a funny feeling. Around supper time we noticed a few men standing with their backs toward the wall, looking at us. So I told Al, "lets get out of here." When we went down to the lobby, we found out what all the excitement was about. It seems Ted Kennedy was there to have a press conference at the hotel. So my fears vanished as we found out, those men were all body guards for Mr. Kennedy and we had nothing to fear. Oh yes, we saw Mr. Kennedy and he is a tall handsome man.

Well at the convention I met twelve of our TEC members there and it was sure nice meeting all of them. I also got four new members for TEC, which wasn't bad for one day. If I saw anyone interested in elongated coins, I'd ask them to join. Most people noticed our TEC badges and our award coin that we were wearing. They are both a good advertisement for TEC.

Some of the members I can remember that were there were, Chester Grabowski, Herman Krajewski, Walter Riley, Al Hoch, Gregory Chioff, George Hatie, Joe Levine, Mary Segar and Richard Montford new members. There was also one of our former members, Ed Rochette and of course Al and I. There were a few more there, but I didn't get their names. With all these people there, we could have had an informal TEC get together. Anyhow it was very nice seeing and meeting so many TEC members. Best of all was getting those four new members to join.

Richard Montford, a new member from California had lot of older elongated coins for sale. Anyone interested can write to him. Joe Levine from Alexandria, Va., also had lots of the older elongated coins for sale.

I did get myself a few older elongated coins that I didn't have. Most of the others I saw there, I already had.

Our last night there was exciting too. Al and I went out for coffee, just out side of our hotel. We just got to the restaurant, when a drunk walked over, pulled the fire and police box. Well you can picture the rest, when four big fire trucks pulled up and five police cars arrived at the scene. To top everything, one man came out carrying sixteen cups of coffee, for his office workers. Before anyone knew what happened, sixteen cups of coffee went flying. When the man came back for more coffee, I said to the man, "This is an exciting city, isn't it?"



PAID AD

VIEWS ON CONVENTIONS AND SUCH

by Herman Krajewski TEC #524
Rockville, Conn.

It had been a good number of years since I was last in New Orleans but for all that it seemed the same, as busy as ever and still growing. While there my wife Louise and I had a real nice time meeting people we had read about in the TEC NEWS and met at some of the meetings. We had the assistance of two of the best good-will ambassadors or public relations officials, through whom we met our hard working president, his wife and many others, which we wish to call friends. Many fine people were there, elongated collectors, token and medal collectors, collectors in the true sense of the word. In the accumulating of United States coins, most people are speculators or investors, where as in elongates that is something else again. Some elongated collectors paid a good price for a coin they (needed) wanted.

In New Orleans I saw quite a few of the Columbian exposition pieces in copper and nickel. In October at the New England Numismatic Association Convention in Providence, again I saw a good number of these pieces, but other older items were scarce. Our Editors were there meeting and greeting people. I don't know how many New England people belong to TEC, but Sally Kirka said, she met 12 or 13 members. Sally even signed up four new members, one of which was from Calif.

On incentive to write for the TEC NEWS, my past article brought me two elongates from New Jersey. What makes collecting interesting is I haven't been able to attribute one. From the research I have done, because of the lettering it could be from Poland and around 1800. This piece is of slate and oval in shape so though it isn't rolled out, it still should come under the category of elongates, not a coin but a medal or token. The other isn't paid for, but I haven't come up with a good swap as yet.

The truth will out. At the A.N.A. Convention Herman had quite a job pinning on the corsage for Dottie Dow. The reason, Sally admitted reversing the pin, while showing slides of the convention, at a local coin club.

HAND ENGRAVED ELONGATED

by Lloyd E. Wagaman TEC #33
Camby, Indiana

Hand engraving is a lost art. There are very few good hand engravers left and none of them are in the elongated coin hobby. This does not mean our hobby did not at one time, enjoy a fair share of these artistic craftsmen. Nearly all elongated dies of the early years were hand engraved and the artistic beauty of these old pieces just can-not be equaled by a modern pantograph operator. Pantograph engraving has just about been replaced, with the acid etch process as far as elongated coins are concerned.

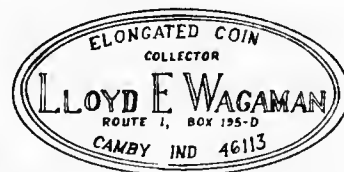
It would be my guess that approximately 75% of all modern elongated dies are now made by the etch method, with probably 20% by the pantograph engraver and the remaining 5%, by hand engraving or stamping.

Now please do not confuse my purpose of writing this article. I am an amateur hand engraver and certainly do not consider myself, in a category with the artistic engravers of yesteryear. I have read in another club paper an article, which tends to de-grade hand engravings when compared to pantographed pieces. The writer seemed to be more concerned with depth of engraving, than with quality of engraving. I am writing this because I want to see those old pieces of beauty to be recognized as they so justly deserve, as there is no modern method can equal them.

To me, depth of engraving is not important as long as there is depth enough to emphasize a desired portion of engraving. This is much the same as an artist painting a picture. Once he has obtained the desired effect, there is no point in piling up paint on the canvas. Of course this is not to say that hand engravings have a limited depth. Depth of engraving depends entirely on the desire and for patience of the engraver.

In the article mentioned above the writer states, that he has never seen a hand engraved coin that has the height on the finished item, that can compare to the work done by a good pantograph. I would like to call to everyones attention the following Calif. issue elongateds. CAL-1a #1, CAL,sac #1 and #2, CAL-sb #1, CAL-AE #1, #1a, #4, #5, and CAL.PPIE #7. This list could go on and on but this article is hardly the place for such a long listing. All of these coins are hand engravings and I defy any pantograph operator to equal them for beauty. They could equal them for depth, but as said before, more depth would add nothing in the way of quality.

Of course the hand engravings of today will not compare with the old time creations of 40 or 50 years ago. As I said before, hand-engraving is a lost art. To the best of my knowledge, there are only two people in this modern day that are producing true hand engraved elongateds and that is Don Sabo and myself. There is one other roller that claims hand engravings, but a close magnified look shows tool marks from the pantograph. These are naturally dressed up by hand as most pantographed dies are. Even tho our modern hand-engravings are crude when compared to the oldies, there is a great satisfaction to look at the finished piece and know that every cut, mark, scratch, or dig is a direct result of my own hand. Maybe they are crude, but I'm proud of them and would like to see more rollers try it.



A STUBBORN GUY

by Frank L. Veltrup Jr. TEC #420
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This is the most appropriate title for my hobby of collecting elongates. I was a Marine for twenty years, during which time I had the opportunity to collect many interesting coins, but one event, long before I entered the Marines started me on the way to collecting.

Back in 1934, my father took me to see the ruin of the "Morro Castle," which burned at Asbury Park, New Jersey. This coin was my first elongate for which I paid eleven cents. This event, as well as a collection that my father had of foreign coins stimulated my interest. Soon I was collecting other elongates, United States coins, foreign coins, tokens, etc.

I bought many of my coins from old folks who live in the apartment complex where I am a Superintendent and many of my tenants had old coins to sell. One day, I was working in the apartment of an elderly gentleman, and we began to talk about the 1909S-VDB. He told me that about one year ago, he had gotten rid of two rolls of these coins that he had bought in 1909 fresh from the bank. He had gotten tired of keeping them and not knowing their value, broke them open and used them. Upon hearing this, I felt so sick and I cannot remember whether I finished the job.

At another time, I was stationed in the South where I ran across an old farmer who had a general store. He had three and one half nail kegs full of old cents - Indian heads to no end. He had had chewing-gum machines all over and each day he would put the day's collection in the kegs. He wanted to sell them all "as is" and I could only get together \$500.00 - not enough. Each day on my way to the base, I would stop in and hound him, but to no avail. The cents were green from where the men used to sit around the old pot belly stove in the middle of the store and chew tobacco, spin yarns and spit in the kegs. Since he certainly did not need the money and was not interested in coins, he finally decided that some day he was going to turn them into the bank and that would be the sorrowful end to my hopes. To this day, I wonder just how many pennies were in one nail keg and whether, by now, he had turned them into the bank.

Later, as I traveled around in the service, I bought many different coins which I brought home when I was on leave and put them in my Father's care. However, one day before I retired from service, I discovered that some of my Father's friends had helped themselves to my coins.

It almost seemed like a losing battle, but I retrieved the ones remaining and started to build again and two of my sons are very much interested in continuing with this fascinating hobby of American and foreign coins only.

About seven years ago, I decided to join the TEC CLUB and since my sons are not interested in elongates, I have the field to myself (temporarily, at least). One day, I will make a list of my extra coins to be used for trading.

This hobby means a great deal to me. It has been of interest for so many years. There is one suggestion that I might make and that is a folder made of plastic, which is transparent on both sides, which will hold a few hundred coins (I have close to one thousand) with a place in the front of the folder where the coins could be recorded by number, name, year, manufacturer, etc.

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In my collecting, I have now become more selective. Where, at one time, I bought any and all flat coins, now I specialize in certain ones, like Presidents, Store Cards, Statehoods, Political, Space, Olympics, World Fairs, Coin Shows and Mardi Gras, as well as a few miscellaneous.

I hope this story of some of my experiences will encourage (not discourage) new collectors to continue with their collecting and old collectors to stay away from nail kegs. They can discourage you.



T E C NEWS COIN



The special coin issued by Lloyd E. Wagaman for presentation to all members, that have an article published in the 1972 TEC NEWS, has been mailed to all members who have earned the Award. The first fifteen of these serial numbered coins were sent to members having an article published in the Jan.-Feb.-March issue. Numbers 16 thru 39 were sent to members having an article in the April,-May,-June, issue. Numbers 40 thru 73 were sent to members having an article in the July,-Aug.,-Sept.- issue. The serial number of the coin, along with the title of the article and the name of the recipient are listed below, for those with articles, in the Oct., Nov., Dec., issue. There was a total of 93 of these coins rolled and the die has already been destroyed.

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NOTICE - - NOTICE - - NOTICE - - NOTICE

The above coin can be had by simply writing an article of a 150 words or more, concerning elongated coins for TEC NEWS. For those TEC members who do not have this elongate, here's your opportunity to get one for 1973. Last years mintage has been under 100 pieces. Don't delay, write your article now. If you need some help, write to your editor and she will help you all she can.

IT WAS ALL MY PLEASURE

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202

La Marque, Texas

To get to attend the A.N.A. convention in New Orleans and meet the members of T.E.C., was a real fine experience for me. Having written to some of the members since T.E.C. was organized, I felt I knew them already.

Everything started with the hand shake with Dottie Dow and from there it seemed, I was getting elongateds from so many friends. Store cards from Don Sabo, Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman, Sally and Al Kirka. Then there was two topical elongateds from Henry Blaha, showing a horse drawn street car.

At the T.E.C. meeting, I was one of the lucky members to win a pair of the photo elongateds and one of the rare pieces, from Mineral Wells, Texas. Nobody could ask for better than that.

I really appreciate the package of elongateds we all received at the meeting. Don Sabo's Texas elongated is real special, because it came from my home state. Mr. Luthman did a beautiful job with those he gave to everyone.

One special elongated gift I will never part with, is a five piece set of the Lords Prayer, I received from Sally and Al Kirka. I never expected to have anything so special. It contains my first elongated half dollar.

Each year I feel our club badges are so special. The members who do not order theirs, are missing the boat. This year is no different. Also the special awards elongated quarters, are a prized possession, because those getting them must earn them. I am a proud owner of one each year, except the first year.

We were given Dottie Dows TAMS elongated at the banquet, so it is a treasured piece. Everyone got one of the free elongateds in the bourse room. It goes in my topical collection too, because of the airplane.

All I can say is -I am glad I was there, wish you were there to.

CONVENTION TIME IS NEAR

by Sally Kirka TEC #16

Manchester, Conn.

Well folks, its that time of year again, when we must start thinking of our ANA convention, which will be held in Boston, Mass. this year. Its not to soon to start thinking of making your room reservations. Remember last year many had to take a room in a near by hotel, because they were to late for the convention hotel. With the Christmas rush past us, let us start thinking of the convention. This year the room rates are a little higher than last year, so its another good reason to start saving early.

The room rates are, single \$20 - 24, \$27 - 28, \$29 - 30, Twins \$35 - 38, double \$36 - 38, suites (1 bedroom) \$55 and \$75, suites (2 bedrooms) \$105.

Sheraton Towers, Luxury singles \$37 - \$39, Twins \$45 - \$47, Suites (1 bedroom) \$80 - 110.

The address of the hotel is, Sheraton -Boston Hotel, Prudential Center, Boston, Massachusetts 02199

I was told the airport was about 20 minutes away by taxi, to the hotel. Bus station is about the same distance from the hotel. The hotel itself is a new hotel and only five years old and should be a very nice place to stay. This will be a nice trip for everyone to take. There will be many side trips planned for those who wish to see the old historic places in and around Boston.

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Our TEC club will have their annual meeting there. At this early date, our meeting day is not known, as soon as I know when the meeting day is, we will print it in the next issue. This is a good chance to meet old and new members of TEC. I'm sure once you meet them, you will like our TEC family. There is always something exciting to see and do at a convention. So come one and all and say hello to the TEC family. See you in Boston, August 23 - 27, 1973.

ELONGATED COINS CAN BE FUN

by Tom Hudson TEC #528
Long Beach, Calif.

In 1957 I started collecting coins, due to an advertisement I saw in a magazine. Maybe some of you have seen it, "Just fill a card with forty or more pennies and we will send you seventeen dollars." I sent a dollar for the card and looked through a couple of thousand pennies and I only filled up thirty five holes. I bought myself a Blue book and found out the forty pennies were worth lots more, so I started collecting coins first. Then I started with Medals, then wooden money. I got an occasional elongated coin, Lord's Prayer and a few others, which I gave away. The first real elongated coin I kept for myself was an 1836-1936 "Remember the Alamo." I put this one into the center of a plastic holder, with a bronze and silver set of medals, honoring the Alamo. The medals were put out by Roy Small, a numismatist that I corresponded with, back in the early 1960's.

Last winter I decided that I wasn't going much further with my wooden money collection. I know I have over 2500 official flats and 3200 official round ones. When you get this far advanced, the only new ones I get now, are current pieces, so I had to look further.

I thought I'd try collecting elongated coins, to help pass the time. Since December 1971, I have accumulated roughly 340 pieces which includes, a complete set of Statehood, Presidents, Zodiac, Canadian Provinces and Don Adams series. I also have about 50 pre 1940 pieces, 20 or more personal elongated coins and odds and ends that suit my fancy. Many I buy that I see advertised. I have received a lot of help from Lloyd Wagaman and Bert Levy. I also got quite a few via the wood trading route, with Alva Christensen. All in all, it has been a very interesting year and I have made many friends. The good Lord willing, maybe I'll meet some of you nice folks in person, if not then through my letter writing.

NEW ISSUES

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STICK WITH NIXON (cents)	- - - - -	.75
KEEP IT FLYING (British Flag, on British farthing)	- - - - -	.75
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL - VAR. 2	- - - - -	.75
TEN COMMANDMENTS (nickels only)	- - - - -	1.00
LORDS PRAYER (nickels only)	- - - - -	1.00

Keep America Beautiful #2, Ten Commandments, and Lords Prayer are from re-engraved dies. Others are completely new hand-engraved dies.

These elongateds may be obtained by writing to Lloyd E. Wagaman, Route 1, Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113

JOHN ROGERS ANNIVERSARY ELONGATED

by H. W. Schoewe TEC #523

I have collected elongateds for a number of years, my collection now numbers over 700 different. My wife and I also share another hobby, which is collecting statuary made by John Rogers, as well as any related items of the statues, such as stereoscopic views, album pictures, lantern slides, catalogs, magazine ads, etc.

John Rogers was born in Salem Mass. on Oct. 30, 1829 and died on July 27, 1904. Between 1860 and 1893 he produced about 90 different groups of statuary. They are made out of plaster of paris, some groups are over 24 inches high and are very detailed, as to costume and expressions on the faces of each character portrayed. Most groups have two to four figures and each seems to tell its own story. Some groups depict Civil War soldiers, such as "The Wounded Scout" and "One More Shot" and others are quite homey like "Checkers Up At The Farm." Others portrayed Presidents like "The Council of War", which shows President Abraham Lincoln and General U. S. Grant. There were also scenes from Wm. Shakespeares plays such as from "Othello", Romeo and Juliet, and Merchant of Venice. He also made three different scenes from "Faust" as well as three from the popular story and play of the time, "Rip Van Winkle." The groups originally sold for about \$15.00 each and now command prices of \$200.00 for the more common to much greater prices for the rarer pieces.

John Rogers studio is being restored in New Canaan, Connecticut and houses many of his different works. We visited it last year and found it very interesting. Our first group was purchased in 1970 on the occasion of our 25th Wedding Anniversary. It is called "Coming To The Parson." It portrays a shy young couple approaching the minister to make their marriage plans. The minister is busily reading the newspaper, deliberately named, "The Union." A bit of humor is provided by the hostility of the young mans dog and the parsons cat. This group was patented in 1870 and was very popular in its day and was often given as a wedding gift.

We have had 200 coins rolled by Mr. Luchtman, of Arizona and are very pleased with his art work, engraving and reproduction of our favorite group, "Coming To The Parson." We would be pleased to send one to all TEC members, for 50¢ and a self addressed stamped envelope. (H.W. Schoewe, 18819 Purlingbrook, Livonia, Mich. 48152)

SEE YOU IN BOSTON

by Chester Grabowski TEC #512
Rockville, Conn.

Sorry I couldn't be with all of you nice people in New Orleans last August, but my job came first. After hearing about the good times most members had, I wished I had been there with you. I was glad I had a friend who brought me back a few of the free elongated coins. I also got my badge. For those of you who haven't as yet, got their badges, don't miss out on it. In years to come this will become quite a collectors item. I must compliment Lloyd Wagaman, on a nice job of engraving he did on the coin.

I've never received an award coin yet, but after seeing the one they got this year, I'll try my best to get one. It will be worth working for.

I'm also very well satisfied with the TEC NEWS coin I got this year. I think those that received one are very lucky.

As a new member of TEC, I am glad I joined and hope to be a member for many years to come. So see you all in Boston, in 1973.

ROXANNE DAVIS WINS ON HER FIRST TRY -by Sally Kirka

I received a letter telling me about Roxanne Davis receiving a second prize on her elongated exhibit of her painted elongated coins. Roxanne Davis is a new member of TEC and only recently wrote to me asking on how to paint elongated coins. I was surprised and pleased to hear that Roxanne had won on her first try. She had also sent me a picture and I must say I was delighted on seeing what a beautiful job she did on setting up her exhibit. She also did a very nice job on her painting of her elongated coins. Keep up the good work Roxanne and send me some pictures for my scrapbook.

One other thing that I liked very much was how Roxanne used a copy of our Christmas issue of the TEC NEWS (1971) and colored the borders and other parts of the issue. Then she attached six elongated coins to it and framed it. This was an original idea and a beautiful one to beat. So good luck to you on your other exhibits and may you win many more. Lets hear from more members on their exhibits. Remember a hobby is what you make of it, and if you make it fun, you will be richly rewarded.

THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS ARE SCARCE by Raymond T. Leveille TEC #84
Orono, Maine

I have been collecting elongated cents for just a few years. Elongateds caught my attention when regular silver coins became scarce and evaporated from circulation.

A club was formed for the collectors of elongated coins, so I joined as a charter member, with number 84. This group was eventually, named "The Elongated Collectors." The members number 500 and more, but less than 1000, compared to the millions who collect regular coins. I do not know if there are any other collectors in Maine or not.

My collection has most of the newer elongated coins, priced at 50¢. I try to hold the cost range to half a dollar, but was taken in by the new Photo-Elongated by Bob Luchtman, purchasing #44 on a silver dime, for \$5.00.

Number 84 is my number in "The Elongated Collectors" and I hope to keep it, for some time.

My biggest problem is who made what elongated and how many were made. Bob Luchtman makes dies for many rollers and I imagine there are other such situations. Lloyd Wagaman has a list of his productions and number made. This list is really helpful.

Maybe sometime in the near future some of the Old Pro's of the elongated collecting, will get together to draw up a listing of the many new coins on the market.

I do not have Dottie Dow's book, but some kind of reference on the newer issues would be a big asset to this and many other amateurs, who collect squashed pennies.

TEC is a wonderful organization and its officers and TEC NEWS have done a lot for the small beginning elongated coin collectors. I've struggled along for a bit, but this is my story on collecting of elongated coins, in a very interesting hobby.

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SALLY AIN'T THE FLYING NUN

by Al Kirka TEC #450
Manchester, Conn.

Just want to let you know, that my wife Sally and I did have some fun at the convention, in New Orleans. We met a lot of new members of TEC, but most of all we met our good friend Ruby Threlkeld from Texas. Sally and Ruby have been friends for about two years and have been on an Award Committee together for I.O.W.M.C.

I wasn't feeling too good, but I followed my wife Sally and Ruby around when I could. I wanted to get some of the free elongated coins, that those two were getting. When I stood behind those two girls a couple of times, they reminded me of Lucy and Ethel, of the "I Love Lucy" TV show. Those two got so many free gifts, they could open up a store. Even though I was right behind them, I couldn't even get one. Would you believe it, but they went back and asked for more.

I was grateful to Lloyd Wagaman for making the elongated coin for us and then I exchanged with a few members, for one of theirs. I believe I got one, that my wife doesn't have. She's been working me over trying to get me to trade with her. I think I'll tease her for awhile yet.

One thing, while you sit in the lobby you can see and hear many things. Also just by sitting there I got six more elongated coins from TEC friends.

My wife Sally has to top me in everything. One night while we were sitting in the lobby, waiting for our TEC friends to arrive, a group of men were fooling around. One man in the group was a happy go lucky sort of a man. He was always telling jokes about Churches. Sally is a deeply religious girl and didn't like that. So Sally said to the man, "I don't like you to talk about the Church like that, even in fun." The man still kidding said to my wife that he was once a Priest. So my wife said, "That's alright I was a Nun at one time too." The poor man looked at Sally and felt a little ashamed. Then he said that he was just having some fun.

Next morning the man must have thought things over as he came over to Sally and told her how sorry he was and that he never was a Priest. Sally said it just didn't sound right to make fun of any church or religion. Then the man turned and quickly walked away.

A few minutes later the man returned with the most beautiful bowl of flowers and handed them to my wife and said "To the flying Nun," and walked away. This was one time Sally was lost for words and only could say, "God Bless You."

So you see my friends, I not only met many old and new friends of TEC, but also met the 'Flying Nun', in New Orleans.

MY COLLECTION

by Thomas E. Bedell TEC #467
Roseville, California

I would like to send this letter in praise of the fine work on the TEC NEWS. I look forward to receiving it. I read all the articles written by others and I wish I could write something constructive.

I received my first elongate in 1937, at the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge and again in 1939 at Treasure Island Exposition. I never bought another one until 1967. At that time Lloyd Wagaman had an ad in Coin World and the subject interested me. On receiving my order from Mr. Wagaman, he sent a list of coins and an application to join TEC. I didn't join until 1970 and I'm sorry I didn't join sooner.

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MY COLLECTION

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My collection now is over 600 elongated coins. I like coins which are in a series or in groups that I can tie together. I have Wagamans States, Danny Crabbs Bottles, Jones Presidents, Sabos space and Adams Types.

I have received many fine letters from most of all the elongated rollers that I have ordered from. Some of the letters have been so friendly that, if I met them it would be like meeting an old friend.

I hope everyone that attended the convention had a good time. I hope to attend one of the conventions some day and meet some of the nice people I write to.

I wish Dottie Dow or some one would publish another book. My budget won't allow me to buy collector items.

I have not found anyone around here that collects elongates or even knows what they are, so you see why the TEC NEWS and the little notes, that come with my coins, mean quite a bit to me. It makes me feel that I belong to one big friendly group. There must be others in the same position as I am. So Sally and Al Kirka, Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman and all the others, that make the TEC NEWS and the club possible, I say thank you for a very rewarding year.

(Editors note:- Thank you kindly for those kind words Mr. Bedell. Welcome to the TEC family.)

THE SHOW IS OVER

by Harold Anderson TEC #483
Caro, Michigan

It is like a book, when you are through reading or looking at it, you close the book or show up. But this cover will be lifted up many times, in the next few weeks. Little things will be picked out (like this), did you get home alright, how was your stay at the convention, we had a good trip home, hope everybody enjoyed themself.

I would like to thank all my T.E.C. friends and members, that voted for me in I.O.W.M.C. for President. It is a great honor to hold this office and I will do my best, to try and please everyone. I not only became president of I.O.W.M.C., at the convention, but also took a first place award for my U.S. Paper Money Exhibit.

I also got myself a few good elongated coins for my collection. I had to miss a few which I would have loved to have had, but my billfold, was not big enough. One of these days, I'll be sure to get some of the older ones.

I attended our T.E.C. meeting and got a nice prize of five very nice elongated coins. They were really beautiful. I hope to have some made for the 82nd convention, in Boston. So now all you good people, start saving your pennies and in a few months we will meet again. There is only one thing that is sad about the whole thing and that is we all meet for three or four days and then goodbye for 12 months.

It was very nice meeting Ruby Threlkeld and my old friends, Sally and Al Kirka, Lloyd and Alberta Wagaman, Alice and Steve Penzes, Dottie Dow and Barbara Trace and many many more.

The exhibit room and the bourse room was a busy one, with many visitors. To top the whole convention was the banquet. Everybody saves his or her best, to wear that night and they all looked nice. The last course of the banquet was the best of all, the flaming baked Alaska. All I can say is, it was wonderful.

So you see how many things you can pick out of that Book or Show. Before you close that book up and put it on the shelf, I'd like to say to all the T.E.C. members, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will see you all in Boston in "1973".

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY

SEPTEMBER 6, 1901 A DAY OF INFAMY

by Don Sabo TEC #341

Born the seventh child of William and Nancy McKinley, in the year 1834, at Niles, Ohio. He was destined to become our 25th President of the United States.

As a boy, William attended the free schools of Niles, Ohio until the age of nine. Leaving Niles, the family moved to Poland, Ohio and this gave young McKinley a chance at a school of higher education.

Later in his youth, McKinley taught school and worked as a postal clerk in the Poland postal office.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, a youth still in his teens, he gave up his postal position to join the "23 Ohio" and proceeded to the seat of the war. Advancing rapidly and displaying bravery, young McKinley left the army at the end of the war a Brevet Major.

When peace finally came, Major McKinley retired to Canton, Ohio to practice law. In 1869 he wed Ida Saxon of the same town. Later in 1877 the bright young lawyer was elected to Congress. Becoming vastly interested in politics, he was elected Governor of Ohio in 1891.

William McKinley was a very to the point individual and voiced strong opinions on many subjects of the times, such as the free trade question. He believed cheap goods should not be exported to our country and later sponsored a bill which later became law.

On March 4, 1898, William McKinley was elected President of the United States by popular vote. A popular subject of the time involved the freedom of Cuba and much discussion evolved back and forth concerning this subject. Our finest warship, "The Maine", was dispatched to Havana to protect Americans residing in Cuba, but alas on February 15, 1898 a dastardly deed was struck, "The Maine" and 259 men perished to the bottom of Havana harbor.

All across the land was heard, "this means war", but President McKinley commented at the time he felt that the United States was in no position to fight a war with Spain. Soon the Congress declared war and President McKinley called for volunteer troops. Strange as it may seem, the first great battle was not in Cuba, but rather at Manila Bay in the Philippines.

Trapping the Spanish fleet, Commodore Dewey proceeded to destroy Spains only hope for the defense of her colony, Cuba. Soon after Commodore Sampson and the North Atlantic Squadron was dispatched to the south to bottle up Havana harbor and to later land troops. Keeping the harbor blockaded for a month led the Spanish to attempt a

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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY, SEPT. 6, 1901 A DAY OF INFAMY-(cont. from page 17)

breakout. Commodore Sampson grasping the situation proceeded to sink this only hope for the retention of her Colony. When the battle was over, the Spanish warships littered the bottom of Havana harbor and a few were grounded on the shoreline. Days later, troops were landed and a battle ensued, Santiago, Cuba fell to the American side. Soon after Spain surrendered and a peace document leading to the freedom of Cuba evolved. In 1900 following the war with Spain, a new crises evolved, The Boxer Rebellion in China. American troops were again to land on foreign soil to protect American citizens.

President McKinley had again made the proper and right decision. He said, "While some lands would have broken up (in reference to China). No, this must not happen, while we make China do her duty, we must also help her to hold her own".

Again in 1900 William McKinley was elected to the Presidency of the United States and he primed himself for the coming term.

Since his previous term held many woes, he still displayed a general buoyancy and in the following year had consented to deliver a speech and hold a public reception at the forth coming Pan American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. The managers of the exposition were all in accord that those two days he would attend, would be two days to remember. How right they were for President McKinley was indeed to play a tragic part in the exposition, his own assassination.

On September 5, 1901 over 50,000 people jammed the area, known as the Court of Fountains to hear the President speak.

Although long associated with the protective tariff, McKinley spoke of enlarged trade with other countries and mentioned amidst ovations of the end of isolation. He said, "Since it is neither possible or desirable, our period of exclusiveness is past".

At four in the afternoon of September 6, 1906, President McKinley took his place in the Temple of Music for a public reception to be held in his honor before his departure for Washington. Little did he know that among the crowd lined up for the Presidential handshake was an intense, dark, 28 year old man named Leon Czolgosz. Born the son of a Polish immigrant, he had grown up in near poverty in a small Michigan town and worked in a Cleveland wire mill. Living with his parents and suffering long periods of unemployment, he spent many hours brooding over the doctrine of those anarchists who held that the first step in liberating the workers from the tyranny of the State must be to destroy the States rulers. In September of 1901, Czolgosz was in Buffalo. He had a chance to step up within inches of the President and his aimless life suddenly came into focus. His hates crystallized. He had brought a 32 caliber revolver wrapped in a handkerchief and took his place in the reception line. At 4:07 P.M. he fired two shots into the President. A dazed look in his eyes, President McKinley watched as Czolgosz was knocked down and dragged away. Always a gentle man, McKinley was heard to say, "don't let them hurt him".

The President was rushed by ambulance to an emergency operating room at the fairgrounds. One bullet had been deflected by a button, but the surgeons did not know where the other had lodged. Since the President was in a weakened condition, they dared not probe his abdomen for it. The doctors sewed him up and took him to a private home in Buffalo where he seemed to rally and appeared to be recovering.

The country breathed easier and was horrified at the infamy of Czolgosz (who was sentenced and electrocuted within 8 weeks). Theodore Roosevelt who had rushed to Buffalo, was told by the doctors that he could return to his vacation. The doctors were wrong, the

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Still have that bright idea in your mind? Don't keep it to yourself, share it with us. We have adopted a few suggestions sent in by members and they are a benefit to all TEC members. Send suggestions to President or Editor. Addresses on page 3.

SCENES FROM 1972 TEC ANNUAL MEETING - NEW ORLEANS, LA.



(l to r) V.P. S. Penzes, Trea.-Ed. Sally Kirka, Pres. L. Wagaman, Sec. A. Wagaman



Sally Kirka receiving Display Award



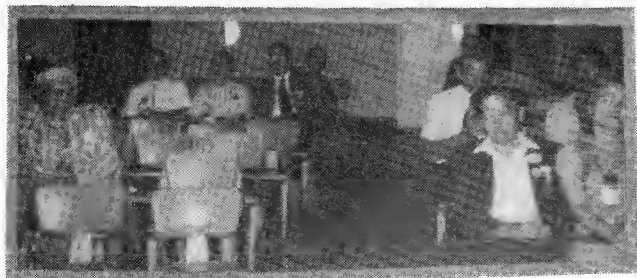
Dottie Dow receiving #4 Photo-Elongated coin from Pres. Wagaman



Don Sabo receiving TEC Literary Award



Steve Penzes, hard at work?



Some of those attending the meeting, are you there?

I AM A ROLLER

by Lee Martin TEC #129
Santa Ana, California

Tecnically I am not a roller as I have never issued a coin. Actually I own an elongated machine, formerly owned by Warren Bunge, so I guess in a very broad sense I qualify as a roller. Anyone who buys an elongated machine and expects to get rich from his issues, is smoking a lot of strange cigarettes, or is not aware of the problems involved in producing a coin. In my short investigation of which way to proceed I have determined there are three alternatives.

If I have any talent and I am willing to spend about \$100 for an engraver's block to hold the die, plus added cash for cutting instruments known as gravers, I can spend multiple hours hand cutting art work into a steel die. The inexperienced cutter stands to slip a few times, possibly ruining his die and probably adding the color red to the steel block from a very personal source. In addition the hand engraver, at least until he becomes experienced, will find he may dig too deep and probably break the point from his graver or go too shallow and skid along the surface. The resultant image would not be deep enough to be practical. Naturally there are many rollers who prefer this process and their work is outstanding. Each one is an art impression and certainly rates collecting as a specialty in itself.

Another process for making elongateds is known as chemical fabrication or chemical milling. In this process the steel die is coated with a resist. A line negative is exposed while in contact in a vacuum frame and under strong ultra violet light sources. The image is then "developed" which is actually a form of etching. Because the acid will eat in and then after a while eat out towards the edges, the depth is limited and very fine details may be a problem, if they have to be carried to any depth. Advantages for the process are: costs are minimal once the technique has been perfected. Also you do not have to limit your subject matter as the camera doesn't care how much detail is involved.

The third process actually involves two choices. It is the use of a pantograph. I can take my die to an engraver and have him complete the process for me. My cost per die will vary apparently from \$45 to \$100 depending on the work involved. At this point with all the other costs the creation of a die which has three subjects would be prohibitive. My alternative is to buy a pantograph. A good, simple two-dimensional pantograph ranges in price from \$400 to \$700 and a first grade one varies, from \$1.000 to \$1.500. If I really want to be professional and create elongateds that look like medals and if I could make hand sculptured originals, I could invest in a three-dimensional pantograph. Price for this goodie is about \$5.000 with all the accessories.

At this point you may understand why I have not issued any elongateds. I don't want to produce the same thing that is being made so well by so many rollers. What's the point of duplicating efforts in a field that is already well covered? Perhaps I'll just sit and look at my elongated machine and wait until inspiration arrives or time enough to spare so I may compare each process before arriving at a decision.

As I said when I started this article, I guess I am a roller, but the only thing I have rolled so far are a few coins from dies I received when I purchased the machine. Owning an elongated machine is a challenge. I hope I can meet it!

(Editors note:- Come on Lee, lets get that machine rolling.)

THOUGHTS FOR 1973

by F.A. Shelmerdine TEC #447
Cheshire, England

Well, here we are in 1973. A Happy New Year to one and all.

If my memory of school history serves me correctly, it was in December just 200 years ago that a group of you troublesome Colonials got dressed up as Red Indians and emptied a load of tea in Boston Harbor. This was the beginning of vandalism in the United States.

Subsequently, some fellow of English descent named George Washington, who in his youth was apparently given to vandalising cherry trees, got all the trouble makers in the Colony together and started a full scale rebellion.

I suppose that by now, we can forgive you for winning the rebellion. After all you were all British at the time. It is probably this very conflict which tends now to unite our two countries rather than divide them. We appreciate your maturity even if you were a rather troublesome child.

To get to the point, 1973 marks the commencement of a series of bicentenaries of events, battles and personalities involving the USA and the UK extending into 1976. I do hope that at least one of the regular rollers will roll a series of elongates to commemorate the War of Independence. The Declaration, the Personalities and the major battles, (even the ones you chaps lost). This would make a splendid series and I would like to be customer #1. Some elongates referring to the enemy (that is us) could even be rolled on English coins. So come on you rollers, get thinking up some designs and please remember that I am a bit remote over here, so that with surface mail taking as much as six weeks to arrive, I sometimes find out about things too late. So if any roller decides to do a series, I'd appreciate if he would keep me informed.



COIN WORLD, Wednesday, September 13, 1972

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The Elongated Collectors presented this special coin award to Coin World for its contributions to the hobby at the American Numismatic Association convention in New Orleans in August. The elongated quarter with engraving was presented to Editor Margo Russell during TEC's sixth annual convention session there.

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In a recent letter to President Wagaman from Margo Russell, editor of COIN WORLD, he was asked to convey to the officers and members the appreciation of COIN WORLD for the fine recognition to their publication by "The Elongated Collectors."

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Surplus elongates after taking inventory is reason for giveaway. In no way have TEC officers any responsibility for this offer. Purely a give away from the ELONGATED COIN MUSEUM to enlist new members in this wonderful, educational hobby of elongates. Offer good till Feb. 20, 1973 - - Please - - 16 cent self addressed stamped envelope required to send elongates.

(Paid ad)

ELONGATES TO CLEAN OR NOT TO CLEAN

by C. Meccarello TEC #40
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Elongated to clean or not to clean, this is a subject asked me very often, at the museum. One must remember elongates were once coins and to clean coins is taboo. What happens when you elongate a coin, within seconds it is changed from a coin into a medal type token, no longer a coin. So now how do we handle this, since it is not a coin anymore. Then cleaning it may not in any way devalue it, such as would a coin. So here at the Museum I recommend to clean up your elongates.

How does one go about such a task and not injure or ruin these elongates. Especially if you have some nice toned older elongates. How many times have you got an elongate and they either were dirty or were corroded and you just about make out the object, that was elongated.

At the Museum we have tried many cleaners, experimented with some to see which would do the job. We have some elongates that we have not cleaned as a test sample. Also to be honest about it, I have not had time to clean all of them as I would like to do.

As I have said, there are quite a few coin cleaners on the market. The hardest thing to do is to find a cleaner, that suits the job you are going to do and want. First I recommend the safest and cheapest method. Just plain soap and warm water. Wet the soap and the elongate with your fingers, make a paste and rub this on your elongate between the thumb and first finger. Occasionally rinse it off with warm water and pat dry with either cotton or a soft cloth. After you thoroughly dry it, you may dab it with a silicone preserver such as "Care". If this method does not come up to your expectation then try a little baking soda. Use in the same manner as the soap. After the rinse you can dip elongate in alcohol and pat dry.

If you really have a stubborn one to clean then we go to the commercial cleaners. These you must be careful of, if not used properly. If used correctly no damage can come to your elongates. For best results, follow directions to the letter. One thing I should have mentioned is a must also, buy a small brush or a tooth brush with very soft bristles. When using the soap or baking soda you can brush the elongate, the fine bristles can get between the lettering and do a nice job. Do not get a course brush, this may scratch the elongate.

Now back to commercial cleaners, "The Nic-A-Lene Co.", makes a few cleaners. Saco makes a all purpose cleaner. The 3M Co. makes a "Tarnish Cleaner." You may also use a detergent powder or a liquid type, such as Mr. Clean. The most important thing to remember with all these cleaners is to rinse your elongates thoroughly and let them dry.

Now we come to the electronic cleaners. Relco makes a "Electro Cleaner." If you have ever encountered an elongate with corrosion or other hard to get off matter. This is designed for use in cleaning coins and other metals by electrolysis. This method can be exceptionally safe and effective when properly used. In spite of the technically sounding name of this process, it is really quite simple. An elongate is suspended in a citric acid solution. A current is caused to flow from the elongate to the electrode. The citric acid dissolves the dirt and stains and the current flowing from the elongate causes dirt and stains to leave the coin and move toward the electrode.

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There are several types of citric acid that can be used, but the cheapest kind is ordinary vinegar. This has the right chemical properties for use as a electrode solution. This instrument is run by four pen lite batteries. Full directions come with the unit.

Another unit is the ultra sonic cleaner. This is a more sophisticated unit, usually a chemical cleaner is used and the elongate is deposited in the solution and the unit is started. A simple explanation is that vibrations are started and being of ultrasonic speed, this with the cleaning solution literally knocks off all the dirt particles and leaves you with a sparkling clean elongate.

There are many more cleaners to numerous to mention. Just a few rules to follow, always try any cleaning method on a few elongates and see if you like the results. If not try a different cleaner until you get the desired results.

Remember if you have the new type of elongates with all these new preparations so the reverse of the elongate shows up. By using most of these cleaners, it will dissolve the secret formulas, that are used such as shoe polish, clear plastic, paint, wax, lip stick, varnish and many more of the other preparations used.

I know what you are thinking about at this time. What do you do with a nice shinning elongate now that you have it cleaned? Many ways to protect them are used. You can use a silacone preservative, such as "Care", or a clear plastic. This comes in a spray can or you can have your elongates gilded, or plated. If you want to get them back to that old look again, it is very simple. There are two ways you can do this. One is to use a darkener made by "Dellers". The least expensive way, is the secret method used by dealers who know. Get your elongates nice and dry and put them in a baking dish or a frying pan, put them in the oven or on top of the stove with a very low flame. Watch and see them turn to the color tone you want. Take them out and let them cool, now you have them back to that old look. Now you know the secret.

By cleaning your elongates in any of these methods, you should have a collection that you will be proud of. Note - - - the Museum does not endorse any of these products, but we have used them all and find them to work to our satisfaction.

FOR SALE



NEW ISSUES Elongated Cents 50c ea. on Dimes \$1.00 ea.

REPUBLICAN - NIXON & AGNEW, Shows Elephant & 1972 Date

DEMOCRAT - MCGOVERN & SHRIVER Shows Donkey & 1972 Date

PTA - 75th ANNIVERSARY

CHRISTMAS - 1972, STAR OF THE EAST

SANTA CLAUS - Shows Santa & Bag of Toys.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

Mr. John G. Spadone, TEC #422 of Opa Locka, Florida received the "Collector Interest" trophy, for his fine display, entitled "The Elongated Coin" at the three day coin show, held at the Hollywood Mall Shopping Center" by the Gold Coast Coin Club, on June 30, July 1st and 2nd 1972. The display featured an explanation of an elongated coin and displayed various denominations of elongateds, from many fairs and exhibitions.

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A very fine article by the well known writer and lecturer, Maurice M. Gould recently appeared in his syndicated column, in newspapers all over the United States. The article was devoted to elongated coins and gave much information concerning their origin, manufacture and distribution. It gave mention of both TEC and C.C.E. and is definately a boost to our club and to elongated in general. TEC is grateful to Mr. Gould for this wide coverage.

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Sally Kirka gave a talk and showed slides on elongated coins at the first official meeting of a new coin club, which had just started in Mansfield, Conn. The club is called "The Mansfield Numismatic Society." Mrs. Kirka received many compliments on her talk. What made Sally feel good was, when she was told by someone who said the talk was so good that he wants to start to collect the coins. This was the first time many of the members had ever heard of elongated coins. So maybe we may get some new members out of this.

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For those of you who have not heard from Arlene Kaiser TEC #514, of Stratford, Conn., lately she has her arm in a cast and couldn't write. She had a slight accident, but I received word that she is coming along nicely. So take it easy Arlene and a speedy recovery to you from all your TEC friends.

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Al and Sally Kirka both exhibited at a Coin Show held by the Central Connecticut Coin Club, at Manchester, Conn. Nov. 5, 1972. Al exhibited some of his elongated coins while Sally exhibited her Christmas coins and her Elongated Mini First Day Covers, which were made by Dottie Dow. One of the finest collection of first day covers around. Al and Sally also exhibited their elongated coins at the Southern New England Coin Dealers Associations, coin show, which was held Nov. 19, 1972. No awards were given but as Al and Sally said it is always a pleasure showing off their elongated coins.

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Some members have expressed their opinion that the Photo - Elongated coin, by R.W. Luchtman is a photo that has been super-imposed, on a previously rolled elongated coin. This is not the case, as this photo is engraved in reverse, on the elongating machine roller and is rolled directly onto the coin, at the time of elongation.

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Our member from England, Frank A. Shelmerdine #447 gave a talk on elongated coins, before the "Lancashire and Cheshire Numismatic Society on Sept. 13th. It is reported that the talk and the roll outs displayed, were enthusiastically accepted.

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GET YOUR FRIENDS TO BECOME MEMBERS OF TEC IN 1973

NOTES OF INTEREST

Our congratulations go to Herman Krajewski #524 for receiving his second 'Special' Educational Award, from the American Numismatic Association. These awards are presented after having received ten Educational Award Certificates for contributing to the advancement of numismatics and sharing special knowledge with local clubs or groups on ten occasions.

Yours truly, Sally Kirka, has also received her first 'Special' Educational Award. Would you believe it all her ten talks were on elongated coins she gave in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island.

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A NATIONAL TOKEN, MEDAL AND EXONUMIA COLLECTORS JAMBOREE will be held on March 16-17-18, 1973 at the SAN JOSE HYATT HOUSE, in SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. This will be the first time ever for such a gathering. This will be EXONUMIA ONLY - no coins. More information in the next issue.

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Also congratulations are in order to your co-editor for getting the outstanding member of the year award from the Central Connecticut Coin Club at their annual banquet in October. Al was the most surprised man there as he didn't even look up as his name was called. So again congratulations from all of us, we know you really earned it

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Sally Kirka has donated her TEC NEWS COIN serial #82 to the TEC Archives. This is the coin that was presented by Lloyd E. Wagaman, for having an article published in TEC NEWS during 1972.

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A happy birthday to Board member Alice Penzes whose birthday is in February. Also another nice young lady is having a birthday in February by the name of Ruby Threlkeld. So happy birthday from all of us.

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One of our members, Phyllis Bendshader TEC #340, of Eugene, Oregon has been home with a broken wrist. We hope by the time this is sent out Phyllis will be feeling much better.

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The badge issued at the Miami Beach, Florida convention has been donated to the TEC ARCHIVES by Lloyd E. Wagaman. All other years are still available and one for each year has been taken out of TEC stock, by the secretary and put in the Archives, so now TEC has a complete set.

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In the not too distant future, we can expect to see a new roller from out California way. Lee Martin has purchased the Warren Bunge machine. He can be expected to produce a quality coin. Lee is the President of the California Collectors of Elongateds and also a Board member of TEC. Welcome to the field of rollers, Lee and we wish you much success.

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A Happy Birthday to Al and Sally Kirka. Al's is on Dec.20, and Sally's is Dec. 25. Sally was a Christmas baby.

ELECTION NOTES - - ELECTION NOTES - - ELECTION NOTES

A call for nominations of TEC OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS is now being made. Nominations should be made in writing to the secretary and all nominations must reach the secretary on or before March 31, 1973. Nominations are open for the following offices.

PRESIDENT - - - - - VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY - - - - - TREASURER

THREE BOARD MEMBERS

Nominations may be made only by members in good standing at the time the nomination is submitted. No member may nominate himself and no nominee may accept a nomination for more than one elective office.

You will save the secretary a great amount of time and correspondence, if you will be certain your candidate will accept the nomination, before you submit his or her name to the secretary.

A nominating committee has been appointed to assure at least one nominee for each office. This does not effect your privilege to nominate candidates of your choice. We hope there will be at least two nominees for each office.

THE ELONGATED DISPLAY

by J.H. Wilcox TEC #332
North Brunswick, N.J.

On October 22, I displayed roughly 175 elongateds, using four display cases as follows.

Case #1 titled "The Space Theme", using 60 different space issues in titled 2x2 holders and two Space Center postcards to add some color.

Case #2 titled "A Few Topical Subjects The Collector May Wish To Select As His Theme." Five coins each for these themes. Placed on titled white square. These were ships, birds and animals, sports, famous people, Valentines and Christmas. These last five coins were painted.

Case #3 titled "Initial Issues-First Day Covers, Marriage of Elongated And Stamps." I used 14 different First Day Covers to fill this case.

Case #4 titled "Collect Elongated Coins". The Dow book opened to pages 67-68 (N.J. of course). Don Adams Companies elongated type series album with the 20 coins issued to date. The D.I.M.E. album, a collectors album of elongated events, (1968) 12 historic events depicted on rolled dimes. Added to this were the TEC membership coins, award badges, convention badges and also MEC & CCE membership coins.

My display won an award, but I'm not certain how I placed because this club is replacing their trophies, with new usable prizes for future shows. They wanted to use up all available trophies unmarked as prizes. However I did receive one of the larger trophies, so I guess I at least got a second.

The comments were well worth the work involved. Expressions like, "It's not legal to do!" An oval penny---Daddy what are these? "Oh look a flattened penny!" No, they are long cents, son. --- "Oh!" "Ah!"

The practice gained setting up my display, was well worth the effort. Also being qualified for another TEC AWARD COIN, is incentive for an all out future endeavor. I hope to win a BEST OF SHOW one day. Try displaying your elongateds, put your Long-Cents out where the people can see them! Those "Ohs and Ahs" are nice sounding.

UNLISTED DIRECTORY - - PART V

by Bob Callander TEC #307
Nappanee, Indiana

O.F.P. 14. Rolled vertically on coin. Full bust of man, facing left. No wording to identify man. Dotted border.

L.A.n.o 3b. /MARDI GRAS/ NEW/ ORLEANS/ 1937. Similar to #3. Date changed to 1937. Dotted border.

CALsac 3. /STATE FAIR/ below is front of capitol building. /CAPITOL/ 1932/ SACRAMENTO/ Star above "A" and between "1932" and "Sacramento". Plain border

XXX 28 Rolled horizontally on coin. Upper half of outer oval./SOUVENIR/. In lower half of outer oval /OF THE FAIR/. In center oval, picture of fair-

grounds with animals in foreground below building and airplane parachute and rides in background. Rope border.

ORE-LCCE 8. /LEWIS CLARK EXPO./ Emblem of the Blue Lodge. Below, /1905/. Star below date. Oval-like dotted border.

ILL-WCE 3c. Three Stars. Hanging "s". "1" in date points to left side of "o" in "Exposition". "I" in "Columbian" points to "S" in "Exposition". Stars larger than those in 3, 3a, or 3b.

TEX-TCE 6. /TEXAS CENTENNIAL/ written at top around outside edge. Below, Alamo building with lone star at left. Below long-horn with /1836/ to left and /1936/ to right of head and below horns. Rope Border.

TEX-TCE 7. /TEXAS CENTENNIAL/ written at top around inside edge. Below, large star in center with small picture of Alamo building at left and /1936/ to right of head and below horns. (same as #6). Rope border.

VIRwin 1. /APPLE BLOSSOM/ FESTIVAL/. Below, three apples in a row with /19/ to left and /35/ to right of them. Below, /WINCHES-TER VA/. Rope Border.

MINxxx 1. Design showing large building with dome and flags takes up most of space on coin rolled horizontally. Inter wire border with dots on outside of wire, except for wording of /MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL/. Plain edge.

ILLchi 23. /SOUVENIR/ Below flags on both sides of street with people walking on street and small building in center at end of street. Below, /RIVERVIEW PARK CHICAGO/. Rope border. (design appears similar to ILL-CPIE #13).

PENphi 6 /PHILADELPHIA ON PARADE/. Below in center man carrying flag and facing left. To his left is liberty bell and to his right is picture of building. Below, /MAY 9TH to 18TH 1935. Rope bor.

Editors note - If you have an elongated and you can't find a listing on it, send a foil or rubbing of it to Bob at the following address, Bob Callander, P.O. Box 71, Nappanee, Indiana 46550

Obituary

We are saddened to learn of the death of Mr. R.P. Goodwin, TEC #28. He was a collector of elongateds for many years and also a very early charter member of TEC. He was a chief Boatswain Mate in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Goodwin died suddenly on July 12, 1972 of a heart attack. He will be greatly missed by all.

Letters to the Editor

by Steward E. Nethken TEC #519
Culpeper, Virginia

I received the TEC NEWS on Sept. 15th, which is the night for the area school football game. I take my 14 year old girl and enjoy the games very much. We go about an hour before the game to get a seat and I took the TEC NEWS that I had gotten, to help pass the hour away. I started to read and got so absorbed, that it was half time when I was aware of a football game going on. See what a great paper you and Al put out.

As you suggested I wanted to write an article about how I got started collecting elongated coins, but I find that in reading the TEC NEWS, a lot of others started the same as I. Couldn't find good coins and the dealers (Ha) their something else, of course there are a few that are honest.

Then I wanted to write about what a great bunch the members of TEC are, like yourself, Lloyd Wagaman, Gus Meccarello, Burton Neal Levy, just to name a few. Everyone I've written to has been a great help and have inspired me to want to collect. The two subjects that I wanted to write about, have been written so good, that mine would look like a duplication of others.

You could have knocked me over with a feather, when I saw the article about me in the last TEC NEWS.

Our local coin club had a show in Sept. 9-10 and I put my few elongated coins that I have about Space, with a title "Adventure In Space" through elongated coins. There was a lot of conversation about them, few people knew what they are and fewer had ever seen any of them before. There were many questions asked of me. I tried to explain how and why they were made, with the little knowledge I know about them.

I want to advise the TEC Awards Chairman of the above, when I receive verification from my coin club secretary.

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CHRISTMAS GREETING

Obituary

It is with much regret we announce the passing on October 18, of Marc W. Schwartz.

Marc was a dedicated collector who always bought the modern elongated in quantity and used them as gifts to many, many people. He has given away hundreds.

The officers and members of TEC would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his family. He will be sadly missed by all.

The members and officers of TEC wish to express their deepest sympathy, to Elmer Anderson (Pontiac Press) of Warwick, Rhode Island on the recent death of his father John Anderson, on October 3rd.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Jerry Bates, TEC #555, in the recent loss of his mother.



Convention Badges \$2.30 EACH

Convention badges from the past TEC conventions are still available from the secretary for \$2.30. If you do not have them all, it would be a good idea to order them now, while they are still available. There are none left from the 1967 convention. Once the supply is gone, the only way to get them is from another collector that has given up the collecting of elongated coins. In other words, it will be hard to find one for sale, once the supply is gone. Do not wait. Send in your order to the secretary:-Alberta Wagaman,-Route 1, Box 195-D, Camby, Indiana 46113

SOME ADVICE ON ENGRAVING AND ROLLING

by Eric Goodwin TEC #520
Tustin, California

This may seem elementary to the experienced roller but valuable to the beginner. An engraver has to be careful not to engrave the design too deeply in the roller, otherwise the metal of the coin will not flow and fill in properly. Of course one remedy to this is to increase the pressure on the rollers to insure maximum flow of metal. I can only say that I ruined Many coins, especially quarters and halves, because I did not have enough pressure and the deepest part of my "Highway 49" die, which happens to be the numerals 49, did not fill in properly and had to be discarded. Along this line of thought, if you ruin a clad coin you have lost the value forever. whereas if you roll on silver coins and ruin them, you can always sell them for the silver content.

The following persons have paid their dues and request membership in T.E.C. - Welcome to all.

NEW MEMBERS

TEC #	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP
566	David E. Stoicheff	701 Beech St.	Burnham, Pa. 17009
567	Carolyn J. Martin	P.O. Box 5185	Santa Ana, Calif. 92704
568	James Scardino	2207 So. Ridgeland Ave.	Berwyn, Ill. 60402
569	James E. Hicks	300 N. State St.	Chicago, Ill. 60610
	Richard Montford	3120 Maddux Drive	Palo Alto, Calif. 94303
	Wayne Rich	P.O. Box 391	Concord, N.H. 03301
	Marilee L. Sager	207 Maple St.	New Haven, Conn. 06511
	Richard Grabowski	25 Snipsic St.	Rockville, Conn. 06066

Last four names will be admitted to the club after the first of the year.

REINSTATED

359	Edward J. Black	P.O. Box 141	Demarest, N.J. 07027
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

239	David Hallmark	815 Ostrom Ave.	Syracuse, N.Y. 13210
272	Elizabeth L. Stevens	801 Foster City Blvd.	Foster City, Calif. 94404
306	Dr. Herman Maul	6900 W. Alameda	Denver, Colorado 80226
346	Louis Waldman	17255 S. W. 95th Ave., Apt. 138,	Perrine, Fla. 33156
532	California collectors of Elongateds,	P.O. Box 10039	Santa Ana, Calif. 92711
68	William E. Perry	P.O. Box 35093, Station E	Vancouver 13, B.C. Canada

SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT

by Gus Meccarello TEC #40
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

The Elongated Coin Auction of August 31, by "Coins Elongated", may have set a record for a Dottie Dows Book, "The Elongated Collector". Four identical bids of \$50.00 each was received, for the book. The lucky bidder was a T.E.C. member. Lots of happy hours to the lucky member.

Some elongated coins have gone through quite a change, in the last few years. One of these is the new Photo-Elongated coin on the dimes and pennies, made by Bob Luchtman. "Coins Elongated" has also come out with a unique elongate too. A truly Permanent Black-Copper Elongate at 75¢ each.

ELONGATED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

by Eric Goodwin TEC #520
Tustin, California

In March or April of 1973 I will be teaching a two week course in coin collecting, to 30 seventh and eighth grade students. I hope to devote most of the time to the collecting of elongateds. I would like to invite all rollers to send 30 copies of their sales list and if possible, 30 coins to be given to the students. I taught this same course last year more or less on the spur of the moment. This time I would like to have more material and really start these young people on the road to collecting elongateds. Any material can be sent to me.

Eric Goodwin, C.E. Utt Intermediate School, 300 So. C St. Tustin, Cal.

NEW ISSUES -by Chester M. Rogers, P.O. Box 300, Beverly, Mass. 01915
I have just finished two more elongateds, they are "FIRST CHURCH" 1667(Beverly, Mass.); GRAND PATRIARCH-GRAND ENCAMPMENT; on cents 50¢ Also have DEM.(Donkey), REPUBLICAN (Elephant) SANTA CLAUS, MODEL T FORD STATUE OF LIBERTY, EMPIRE STATE BUILD. INDIAN CAMP, LORDS PRAYER(2var) ZODIAC (give date of birth). Write for information about sets.